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Re: Application of Wilhelm BOLLHOEFER, Michael DREHER and Juergen
LAFORSCH
METHOD FOR PROCESSING DATA USING EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL
IDENTIFIERS, AND ASSOCIATED SYSTEM
Assignee: SIEMENS AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT
Our Ref. Q78971

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising nineteen (19) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, and two (2) sheets of drawings. **Copies of an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and of an Assignment will be submitted at a later date.**

The present application is being filed as a Continuation Application, under 35 U.S.C. § 111 (a) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.53, of International Application PCT/DE02/02404, filed July 2, 2002, in accordance with the procedures outlined in Sections 1895 et seq. of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure. To facilitate the Examiner's review, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the Cover Page of the published International Application and a copy of Applicants' PCT Request.

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